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C O N F I D E N T I A L 1194

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, MT, EG, KU, TC, SA

SUBJ: ARAB ASSISTANCE FOR MALTA

1. EGYPTAIN CHARGE KAMEL TOLD US JULY 11 THAT THERE IS PRESENTLY IN MALTA A MISSION REPRESENTING SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT AND UNITED ARAB EMIRATES FOR DISCUSSION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO MALTA FOR PLANNED SHIPYARD AT KALAFRANA. KAMEL PROVIDED THIS INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION AS TO WHAT EGYPT IS DOING FOR MALTA. HE SAID THAT ARAB MISSION CAME WITH BACKING AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF HIS GOVERNMENT.

2. KAMEL WENT ON TO EXPRESS HIS PERSONAL DOUBTS AS TO SUCCESS OF VENTURE, PARTICULARLY IN TERMS OF POTENTIAL BUYERS' CONFIDENCE IN MALTESE SHIPYARD COMPARED TO MORE EXPERIENCED YARDS IN JAPAN AND EUROPE. HE CONTRASTED MALTESE APPROACH WITH EGYPTAIN TECHNIQUE IN CLEARANCE  
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OF SUEZ CANAL. CLAIMING THAT EGYPT HAD CAPABILITY OF

CLEARING CANAL, HE SAID THAT PURPOSE IN GETTING U.S.,  
U.K., AND SOVIET ASSISTANCE WAS TO INSTILL CONFIDENCE  
IN USERS THAT JOB WAS WELL DONE.

3. COMMENT: CURIOUSLY, ARAB MISSION HAS HAD NO PUBLICITY.  
GOM NORMALLY GIVES EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY TO VISITING MISSIONS,  
NO MATTER HOW REMOTE IS POSSIBILITY OF CONCRETE RESULTS.  
PLANNED SHIPYARD IS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TANKERS UP TO  
300,000 TONS, RECENT TOUR OF MIDDLE EAST BY LABOR  
MINISTER CASSAR WAS ALSO IN SUPPORT OF GOM EFFORTS.GETZ

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